THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Airports Authority of India (AAI) has undertaken the work of expansion and modification of existing Terminal Building for International arrivals at Trichy airport at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.52 crores.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Procurement of small planes by Indian Airlines

1226. SHRI PRAFULL GORADIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to revamp the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is a proposal to acquire smaller planes for domestic routes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) A Committee was constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. Vijay Kelkar, to examine the reasons for losses, and develop strategies for turning around Indian Airlines. The recommendations of the Committee have been examined and following decisions taken:—

I. Government will release Rs. 325 crores as equity injection to Indian Airlines subject to the following:—

(i) Payment to be released in phases and in the form of margin money for the acquisition of aircraft.

(ii) Indian Airlines achieving milestones conveyed to Ministry of Finance on 19.12.97 as also showing improved productivity and better working results.

II. Indian Airlines will be permitted to mobilise funds from the capital market through Initial Public Offering (IPO) and/or any other modalities available for restructuring.

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines has submitted a Project Report for induction of six ATR-42 aircraft. The matter is under consideration of the Government.

PLI Payment made by AI

1227. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of total amount paid by Air India Management to its employees under Performance Linked Incentive (PLI), monthly/ annually;

(b) the amount of minimum and maximum PLI which is paid by AI to its employees per month; and

(c) whether this payment is also extended to the employees who are given release for union work in Air India and what is the total number of such employees?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The total amount spent on Performance Linked Incentive (PLI) by Air India to its employees during financial year 1998-99 was Rs. 136.85 crores with the average monthly PLI payment being Rs. 11.40 crores.

(b) the minimum and maximum monthly PLI paid by Air India to its employees was Rs. 588/- and Rs. 85.554/- per month respectively (for October, 1999).

(c) Yes, Sir. The total number of such employees is four.

Procurement of MCLR Aircrafts

1228. SHRI SITARAM KESRI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to procure 150/250 seater medium capacity long range aircrafts;

(b) whether any negotiation have been held with any of the manufacturers in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details of the discussions held and the decision taken in the matter?